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An interesting discussion is proceeding in some of the American and Spanish papers of Manila as to what would happen were the United States in the immediate future to grant independence to the Philippine Islands. The discussion started with the publication in the *Cablenews* of some views ventilated on the subject by a high official at a semi-private banquet, the gist of his observations being that the granting of independence to the Philippines at the present time could only provoke demands by the Powers on the government of the Philippines Republic for extraterritoriality, such as obtains in China. Our American contemporary supports that view, and declares that the republic would be tossed about like a shuttlecock, its statesmen would be seeking favour here and there, the end being war and ultimate seizure. Perhaps it is the blunt expression of these views that excites resentment. President ROOSEVELT said practically that same thing in more diplomatic language in his message to Congress in December 1904. "At present" to quote the President's words, "the Philippine people are utterly incapable of existing in independence at all, or of building up a civilization of their own." This expression of opinion, after six years of American occupation, marked a great change in American thought regarding the capacity of the Filipino people for self-government. Ten years ago, when the United States Government astonished the world by the alarming departure from its established policy that the seizure of Manila indicated,

it was monotonously reiterated by statesmen and newspapers in America that the Government had no thought of permanent occupation. That was, no doubt, perfectly true. Somehow the Government had been led to accept the estimate of the Filipino leaders that the people were ripe for independence and a republican form of government. General MACARTHUR shattered that delusion when he wrote: "In the light of existing conditions, it is difficult to realize that there is any possibility of such a future for the islands, especially so as at present (1900), and for many years to come, the necessity of a large American military and naval force is too apparent to admit of discussion." But the General at the same time pointed out that there were, on the other hand, many encouraging conditions to sustain a conviction of the possibility of a republican form of government at some future date. For example, he pointed out that there is no dynasty in the Philippines to destroy, no organized system of feudal laws to eradicate; and no principles inconsistent with republicanism which have so insinuated themselves into the national life as to displace. Here were several millions of sensitive and credulous people, without allegiance to existing institutions, but animated by certain inchoate ideas, and aspirations which "by some unfortunate perversion of thought" they conceived to be threatened by America. General MACARTHUR, however, regarded the people as intelligent, generous and flexible, and believed they would yield quickly and with absolute confidence to tuition and advice when thoroughly informed of American institutions and purposes. America, since the pacification of the island, has set to work on a grand scale to help the people to rise higher and higher in the scale of civilization and the capacity for self-government, but it needs more than a decade of such instruction to fit the Filipino people to stand alone. Brigadier-General KEADE who, on returning to the United States from the Philippines recently, was subjected at San Francisco to the inevitable interview, told his questioner that it would be necessary to maintain armed troops in Mindanao during all the present generation, and perhaps for another generation to come. Though the Moros are by no means savages in the ordinary sense of the term, "as they were casting brass cannon long before Columbus discovered America," their arts are those of war, and the only kind of argument which they can really appreciate is that which has brute force behind it." In short the words uttered by President ROOSEVELT in 1904 are still true. "The Philippine people are utterly incapable of existing in independence." There has not been time, since 1904, for any material change to be made in the position. The Filipino leaders however, have not, apparently, abandoned hope of such a concession at an early date, and the mention of extraterritoriality in our American contemporary is regarded by the Spanish paper *El Mercantil* as "putting up a scarecrow to frighten all thought of immediate independence out of the Filipino mind." In our opinion the dream of independence is as fatuous as it is vain. It is in more senses than one that the people of the Philippines are incapable of existing in independence, and the sooner the Filipino mind is rid of the idea with which it is now obsessed the better. Surely, our Spanish contemporary must recognise that the question of extraterritorial areas would inevitably arise, if the United States Government were just now to abandon the people of the islands to their own devices. Fortunately, there is no indication of any such intention on the part of the United States. The question as to what would happen if independence were granted now is, therefore, purely academic, and the interest it possesses resides mainly in the revelation that complete political independence is still a living aspiration in the Filipino mind while time and experience have utterly removed such an idea from the minds of the present generation of Americans.

Quarantine restriction imposed by the Government of Ceylon against arrivals from Hongkong has been removed.

Mr. Bellamy Brown will give an illustrated lecture on "Phil May" at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms to-morrow night.

The latest reports of the plague outbreak at Tongshan show the epidemic to be steadily increasing. Over 1,000 cases had been reported since it first appeared, and of these over 800 were fatal.

"Taft blown away" is the heading to a paragraph in a Manila contemporary which records that a town of that name in Samar "has been blown off the map." It is satisfactory to know that the future President of the United States is still standing "square to all the winds that blow."

A new schedule of fares on the lower level train is announced in our advertisement columns, to come into force from the 1st prox.

A special meeting of the Saulty Board was held yesterday at which it was reported that an outbreak of foot and mouth disease had occurred at the cowshed at Kennedy's stable. The meeting declared the premises to be an infected area.

Before Mr. J. H. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday a native who was charged by Inspector Langley with being in unlawful possession of a number of fighting irons, choppers and swords, was fined \$50. The defendant, it appears, was depicted to carry these weapons to a piece of vacant ground at Yumut, where arrangements had been made for a clan fight. The seizure of the arms prevented the fight.

In the course of the hearing of a case before Mr. Justice Liu, in the Supreme Court, Singapore, relating to the ownership of a tongkang, it was given forth by a Chinese witness that "a Chinaman can have three or four names, and if you have known him all your life you may call him by either one or the other of them. There is the name he is known by at school, the name his parents give him, the name he is generally known by, and so forth."

From Messrs. Kelly and Welsh, Ltd. we have received a copy of the new issue of the "List of the Higher Metropolitans and Provincial Authorities of China" compiled by the Chinese Secretaries of H. B. M. Legation at Peking and corrected to September 1st, 1908, by Mr. S. F. Mayer, Assistant Chinese Secretary. A shorter title for it would be "Who's Who among Chinese Officials," for it is not a simple directory list of officials but the names of each is given.

The members of the German Club in Bangkok have opened a fund for repaying subscriptions to the Count von Zappel's shipwreck fund. When the fund was opened some 700 Thais were subscribed, and Prof. Boeger gave an interesting address on Count Zappel's work. Dr. H. Baudenbender, Prof. Boeger, Mr. H. Willems and Mr. W. Engelhardt have been appointed a Committee to look after the fund, and Mr. W. Engelhardt is superintending the collection of subscriptions. The fund had not closed when the last mail left.

A paper laid before the Colonial Council at Saligon gives interesting particulars of the progress of rubber cultivation in Cochin China during the official year 1907-8. Companies commanding large capital have set to work in the provinces of Bienghau and Thachuan to grow the Hevea variety. Within the last few months, they have planted out about 200,000 Heveas. The Suzunha estate also accounts for 100,000 plants. A company known as the Xatrach Syndicate, the latest established, is making head fast. The Manager hopes to plant out 100,000 Heveas before the end of the year.

The subject at this evening's meeting of the Union Church Literary Club is a lecture in "Some Curious Peculiarities of Insect Life" by Mr. E. W. Terry, who has been making close investigations into the ravages of destructive parasites and how to remedy them. The public are cordially invited to attend. These meetings of the Literary Club have provided some excellent evenings in the past and this winter's syllabus is quite equal to the standard. There is no formal introduction for membership; any lady or gentleman may be elected on application to any member of the Committee.

The Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society held an assembly of Parliament on Tuesday night when the subject of the "Old Age Pensions Bill" was discussed. In the absence of the Premier, the Secretary of State (Mr. R. A. Lowry) launched the Government's first venture and was supported by Messrs. Crawford, Baker and McPherson, who all strove to gain popularity for the measure, and bring it to a successful issue. Mr. Cubey, the leader of the opposition voiced the general opinion of his party on the subject and Messrs. Barrington, Nairn, Dale and Turnbull further aided their criticisms. The independent party scattered its pearls through the hand of Mr. H. Jilling. At a general meeting held at the conclusion of the debate Mr. S. G. Borden was elected secretary and Mr. B. Chapman treasurer.

THE STORM.

Again the dislocation of shipping and the unseasiness among the general population by the threatened visit of a typhoon were experienced in the Colony yesterday. The green lights displayed overnight were succeeded by the black cone and drum yesterday morning, indicating that the typhoon was within three hundred miles and with a rapid fall in the barometer fears were generally entertained that the dreaded visitation was not likely to be long delayed. Residents in the Peak were warned about nightfall that the typhoon was within 150 miles of the Colony, East, South East, and the usual precautions were taken there as indeed all over Hongkong. As night advanced without any more pronounced indication of the approach of the typhoon the opinion became general that it had once more avoided the Colony, the notice issued by the Observatory yesterday that it threatened the coast of Swatow being the basis of this hope.

Last night tide was very high and there was a heavy swell. The American Consulate General forwarded us a copy of a telegram received from Manila Observatory to the effect that the typhoon was moving west of Balintang Channel, W. N. W.

The s.s. "Taming" delayed her departure yesterday for Manila but will likely proceed to-day to secure to Italy better advantages.

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THE COTTON CRISIS.

LONDON, October 14th.
The employers have declined the offer of the cotton operatives.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

LONDON, October 14th.
The sending of an ultimatum by Bulgaria to Turkey is expected.

CABINET CHANGES.

LONDON, October 14th.
Lord Wolverhampton becomes Lord President of the Council vacated by the Earl of Crewe and Lord Fitzmaurice has been appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster with a seat in the Cabinet.

SUFFRAGISTS AGAIN RAID PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, October 14th.
The Suffragists attempted another rush on the House of Commons. It proved a fiasco and twenty-four women were arrested. One woman succeeded in forcing her way into the House of Commons and managed to make a short speech from the bar before she was ejected.

REMARKABLE RESCRIPT.

TOKYO, October 14th.
A remarkable Imperial rescript has been issued. It states that in view of the unceasing advance of civilization it is the wish of the Emperor that while strengthening the relations with the other powers Japan should

share fully in the benefits of general improvement and in order to keep pace with the constant progress the development of the national resources are of the greatest importance.

The rescript adds that it is the desire of the Emperor that all classes should act in unison and avoid ostentation and inure themselves to arduous toil.

KOREAN PILGRIMS KILLED BY JAPANESE PATROL.

TOKYO, October 14th.
A Japanese patrol, it is reported, has killed a number of Korean pilgrims. The pilgrims, to the number of thirty-four, at the outset of their journey to the temple, informed the Japanese gendarme of their intention, but the troops understanding that the Koreans were insurgents attacked the village inn and killed twenty-one.

The "Jiji" condemns the precipitate action of the troops in slaughtering unarmed men and demands an investigation and the payment of compensation.

JAPAN AND THE AMERICAN FLEET.

TOKYO, October 14th.
In response to a petition received from American residents in Japan, the Authorities have given instructions that no geisha are to be employed to attend on the sailors of the American Fleet.

As the day approaches for the arrival of the Fleet Japanese Press is enthusiastically anticipating the event and the keenest interest is being manifested by the general public.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

ITALIAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, October 12th.
A strong agitation is arising in Italy against Signor Tittoni, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is accused of having given an audience to France and Great Britain whilst failing to secure to Italy better advantages.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 12th.
Belgrade wires that the Servian Skupstina has come to no decision as yet, but the crisis is regarded as over.

LATER.
It is officially announced that the conference of Sir Edward Grey and M. Iwolsky afford reasonable grounds for hoping that a satisfactory solution of the European situation may be arrived at.

At the opening of Parliament, Mr. Asquith and Lord Fitzmaurice will make statements in reference to the Balkans, confirming the speeches of the former and Sir Edward Grey at Leyen and Woomer.

Belgrade wires that the Skupstina has unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the government, and has also voted a special military credit of sixteen million francs.

THE PEKING HANKOW RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, October 12th.

A Chinese railway loan of five millions sterling for the redemption of the bonds of the Peking-Hankow railway has been issued in London and Paris at 9%, bearing interest at 5% until 1923 and thereafter 4%.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BLIND HOME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

DEAR SIR.—Now that the subscription for the Blind Home has been closed, it is my heart-felt desire to express my thanks, through the columns of your valuable paper, to all the Friends of our Home, who have so kindly remembered the Blind in their present need.

At the same time I beg to acknowledge with thanks the generous gift of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) handed to me by the Hon. Registrar-General, Mr. E. A. Irving, on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the distribution of the relief for the losses caused by the recent typhoon. As all the members of that Committee, except Mr. Irving, are Chinese, I do feel that this shows a kind appreciation on the part of the Chinese Community of the work done by our Home.

The King you very much for allowing me so much space, in your paper.—I am, Sir, Yours sincerely,

AGATHA VON SEELHORST.
12, Bonham Road, Oct. 12, 1908.

AN ARCHITECT'S FEE.

During the hearing of an action at the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. L. G. Bird, from the office of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, was called as a witness.

Mr. Bird, on entering the box, addressing his Lordship, said—I shall be glad to know who is to pay my fee?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—You are supposed. Whoever loses the action will be obliged to pay my fee.

His Lord

THE BUILDING COLLAPSE AT YAUMATI.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp, sitting as coroner, and Messrs. F. Austin, Hugh Dinning and G. G. Catchick (Jurors), the inquiry concerning the deaths of six Chinese, who were killed as the result of a collapse at 38, Portland Street, Yaumati, during the typhoon of 27-28th July, was continued.

Mr. F. E. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, represented the Crown, and Mr. H. J. Gedge (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared on behalf of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, the architects.

Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works, recalled, was cross-examined by Mr. Gedge. He stated the lime generally produced in Hongkong was not good unless it was looked after. Lime procured by the burning of shells or coral, such as used here, was not the best. The Government had not given up the testing of mortar because there were so many different results to tests that it was absolutely unreliable. The Public Works Department still tested mortar. Witness explained the method of testing, and said he had every faith in it. The mortar in the building in question was to be one of lime to one of red earth. Witness had visited the building. He saw that the bricks were clean. Rain washing on the external walls ought to soften the mortar. It might do so temporarily, but should get hard again. Witness was not aware that there were 20 double courses of bricks counting from the ground up to the first floor of the bank wall, and that they were properly bonded with the exception of three.

"I'll put it to you that the bonding of the blue bricks in that wall is absolutely perfect—I didn't come to that conclusion on my examination.

Did you examine it carefully?—I had a good look at it.

Proceeding, witness said Messrs. Butterfield and Swire did excellent work in building. The 26 houses in question were completed before the 1906 typhoon, and withstood that. The walls blown down were built in accordance with the Ordinance then in force. If they had not been so, they would not have been passed.

You said the thickness of walls was increased by a subsequent Ordinance?—Yes.

That has nothing to do with these houses?—No.

Well, I can't make out why you mentioned it. It has nothing to do with my clients?—No, further than that, in common with the other architects, they opposed the proposition for the thickness of walls.

I suppose, as a matter of fact, you mentioned it as an excuse for the Government not having found out before that the walls were not thick enough?—No.

In your evidence you stated that, in 1902, there was only one building inspector. Don't you consider the Government or your Department culpable for having only one inspector to do the whole work of the Colony?—I certainly think it was impossible for one inspector to exercise any efficient supervision over the building operations.

Don't you think it was culpable of the Government or your department not having proper supervision?—I should hardly say it was culpable; perhaps it was an error of judgment.

Was it ever brought to the notice of the Governor or the Colonial Secretary?—I can't tell you prior to my own occupation of the office, I now hold.

But after that?—After that it was.

Was it pointed out that typhoons would occur in the Colony, that buildings would collapse, and that more competent supervision should be had?—I did not represent it quite in that manner. I said the inspecting staff was inadequate, and should be increased.

You say the Government, because they did not employ a sufficient number of building inspectors, called on the architects to do their work for them?—Not to do Government work, but their own work.

What about the Ordinance, does it not become a farce?—I don't see it.

The Ordinance says buildings should be inspected?—The Ordinance certainly makes provision for inspection.

Do you think an architect inspecting these 26 houses should notice every different bit of bonding and mortar?—I won't go so far as that.

You don't expect an architect to sit on the works and do nothing else but inspect?—No.

Must an architect not rely to a great extent on the loyalty and honesties of his foreman or overseer?—He ought to.

Is not it extremely difficult to get good work overseas?—It is very seldom you can pick them up locally.

And is it not very difficult to get good work out of Chinese contractors?—It certainly involves a good deal of trouble, as a rule.

And, unless they are watched the whole time, they put bad material into a work?—It is extremely probable.

When your proof was taken by the Crown it was pointed out that some excuse would be necessary as to Mr. Tooker's conduct?

Mr. Bowley objected to the question.

Mr. Gedge—I submit the question is perfectly in order, but I'll put it in another way. When you found these buildings had collapsed, and found that Mr. Tooker had granted a certificate, you saw that some excuse would have to be given for Mr. Tooker's conduct?—No.

Either the certificate ought to be given, or it ought not to be given?—I presume that is a correct statement.

Now, Sir, don't you think that that certificate was properly given at the time by Mr. Tooker, and that the building was properly built?—I can't say the building was properly built, but I think Mr. Tooker was justified in giving the certificate.

Mr. C. W. Jeffries, assistant at the Observatory, said in cross-examination that it was quite possible the wind was travelling at 90

miles an hour in the typhoon of 27-28th July. Some of the instruments at the Observatory had seen a lot of service.

Mr. A. Denison, architect and engineer, deposed to having carried on business in Hongkong for the last 27 years. On 13th October witness inspected the bank wall of 35 Portland Street, and examined the bonding. From the top of the mound to the level of the first floor there were forty courses. From the level of the first floor to the level of the second the wall was properly bonded right through. The top floor also appeared to be properly bonded. On the verandah side the brickwork on the ground floor was not quite so good, and there were five or six courses without bonding. Witness thought many of the cracks in the first party wall had been caused by the collapse. He thought the wind probably got into the houses by the front wall of 35 feet 10 inches in. He did not consider this front wall would have fallen unless it had been blown down by the typhoon. Witness thought the wind was concentrated on this block by reason of its situation and the open space to the south-east. Lime mortar in this Colony was not as good as could be obtained in England. Here the lime was obtained from burnt shells; in England it was obtained from limestone. Witness did not find it possible to get building works properly supervised here. Directly the architect's work was turned the Chinese bricklayer would commence doing cheap work.

What class of foreman is procurable?—Generally a scoundrel out of work.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bowley, witness said the usual commission charged by architects on Chinese houses was 2½ per cent. Fair mortar could be made out of one part lime and one part red earth, as good as any mortar used in Hongkong.

A juror asked if it would not be possible to obtain independent and expert evidence regarding the bonding of these walls.

His Worship—It would be very hard to say in a case of this kind what would be independent evidence.

Mr. Bowley—I submit the evidence of the Building Authority is absolutely independent.

His Worship—What the juror means is that there are two contradictory statements and he would like to have a third.

Mr. Bowley—I should like to point out that the evidence given by the Building Authority's witnesses is really against their own interests, because it lays them open to the obvious retort that it is their fault.

His Worship said it would not be possible to call further evidence on the point and adjourned the hearing until this afternoon.

A RUSSO-CHINESE SQUABBLE.

Blagoveshchensk newspapers contain particulars of a conflict between Russians and Chinese, which is eloquent of the changed relations between the two nationalities occupying the banks of the Amur River. The ferry boat, one of the huge platforms customary in Siberia, was preparing to leave the Chinese side, to cross to Blagoveshchensk. On board were a number of Russian soldiers, armed fortunately only with sabres. The ferry was in charge of Chinese police, as now customary, and these were armed with the usual bambos. But they had in addition modern revolvers. A fight began among the passengers, and several Chinese were felled over. The Chinese passengers then slipped ashore and bombarded the boat with stones, injuring many among the closely-packed masses. The Russian soldiers drew their sabres and attacked the Chinese police aboard. The officer in charge of the latter gave orders to fire, and speedily restored order.

The boat got away and reached the other side without further incident, but the quarrel began again immediately she touched the shore, and seven men were felled overboard, three Russians and four Chinese. They were all rescued by police boats, but the one containing the rescued Chinese was sunk with stones thrown by an angry Russian crowd on the river bank. The Russian account admits that the soldiers aboard the craft were drunk, and in attacking the Chinese police with sabres injured others right and left, including their own people. The Chinese, it appears, are moving up through Manchuria in vast numbers in the hope of obtaining work on the projected Amur Railway, although the Russian Government are pledged to employ only Russian labour. The conditions of life in that region, however, make it quite certain that Chinese labour will have to be employed.

OPIUM CRUSADE IN THE PHILIPINES AND ITS METHODS.

"STOOL PIGEONS" PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN DECODING VIOLATORS OF LAW.

The Internal Revenue Bureau is busy these days, says the Manila Cablenews, paying the rewards to its small army of "stool pigeons," Chinese, Filipino and American, whose information aided the authorities in the enforcement of the opium law. The law authorizes the Collector to pay to the informer 25 per cent. of the amount of the fine assessed by himself or the courts, and nearly P10,000 has been thus disbursed since April 1st.

One of the most efficient Chinese informers, whose "tip" to the Bureau landed many of his countrymen in Billibid, San Lazaro or Amoy, is now doing penal service for "hitting the pipe." A smitten conscience, his friends and solicitors aver, prompted him to seek solace and oblivion in narcotic stupor while the members of a powerful tong chain the credit for old man Lee's "breaking in" to the Wolf's Bastille, for safety.

He specially detailed sleuths of the Internal Revenue Bureau, working under the supervision of Chief Tong Agent Bish, continue to make arrests but the daily decreasing number of violators of the law have proved that the efforts of the Bureau in stamping out the evil have been attended by success. 300 "dope fiends" have been gathered in since the beginning of the campaign in the city. A large proportion of the offenders were permitted to "compromise" by the payment into the coffers of the Bureau of sums of money ranging from 100 to 500 pesos, and a pledge to abstain. Others were given the option of a term in jail or free medical treatment, and choosing the latter, entered the San Lazaro Hospital opium ward and were cured of the habit.

Only the inveterate and incorrigible users of the deadly drug were jailed or deported.

THE NAVIGATION OF THE AIR.

WHAT PURPOSE WILL IT SERVE?

Now that Mr. Orville Wright has sailed on an aeroplane for a day how the aeroplane has become a competitor with the dirigible balloon. The question whether it is possible to navigate the air, remarks the Times, may be taken to have received a definite answer in the affirmative. But the question what purpose will be served by this new power remains open. There have been speculations, but they have been fanciful. The fact that balloons have been for military reconnaissance and that most of the recent experiments have been carried out under military auspices has led to the popular idea—that the air may in a few years become a theatre of war. The great achievement of Count Zepelin in the balloon which was unfortunately destroyed encouraged a great many people in South Germany to think that the time was at hand when the German Army would be able to invade England without the trouble of first defeating the British Navy. 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THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
WM. MEYERINK & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 5th September, 1908. 114

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CARLOWITZ & CO., Hongkong, 13th August 1908. 28

NORTH BRITISH AND MERICAN TILE INSURANCE COMPANY. TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1907. £18,114,624.

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1908. 1261

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POCKET PISTOLS.

CALIBRE 7.65 mm.
With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRODGES
FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
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Inspection Invited.

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Hongkong, 26th October, 1908. 729

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another GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

ONE MONTH ONLY.

SUMMER AUTUMN AND WINTER GOODS.

All at BED ROCK PRICES.

Don't miss this opportunity.

HOOSAIN-ALI & CO., No. 14, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 651

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "POLYNESIEN"
COMPAGNIES DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex
s.s. "Douro" and "Charente," from
Harrow ex s.s. "Charente" from Bordeaux ex s.s.
"Ville de Dunkerque" in connection with above

Steamer are hereby informed that their
Goods, with the exception of Opium
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed
and stored at their risks into the Godowns
and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
before 5 P.M. To-DAY, requesting it to be
landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after
MONDAY, the 19th Oct., at NOON, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 19th Oct., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on
MONDAY, the 19th Oct., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1908. 2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"POONA" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignee of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary within
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 19th inst., at 4 P.M.,
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-
downs for examination by the Consignee's and
the Company's representative at an appointed
hour. All claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognised. No claims
will be admitted after the goods have left the
Godown.

F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1908. 1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS
FROM MIDDLESERO, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENFURTER,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignee
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed AT THEIR RISK into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where
each consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

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subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godown, where they will be examined on the
19th inst., at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognised if not presented
within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1908. 1427

BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"S. BENAVON," FROM MIDDLESEBRO, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

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the Goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th Oct., will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th
Oct., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godown, where they will be
examined on the 20th Oct., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1908. 1432

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THE CONNING TOWER OF THE EMPIRE.

THE POSSIBILITIES OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Mr. W. T. Stead, with that vivid imagination
which makes him a notable journalist, has
written an article on a subject which no man has
dealt with before. In the "Westminster Gazette"
he asks :

THE CONNING TOWER.

"How many, or how few, of the millions of
London have noticed the somewhat fantastic
apparatus of wires that has this summer been
fixed to the tower of the new Admiralty build-
ing in Whitehall? They have a somewhat
dishevelled appearance—as if an old lady's few
remaining curling-iron cards had been blown
into the air at first sight an inexplicable
spectacle, until on closer inspection the fine
parallel wires stretching across the roof
in mid-air explains the mystery. It is
the outward and visible sign of the exact
location of the Conning Tower of the
British Empire. It is the installation of wireless
telegraphy at the Admiralty buildings which
enables my Lords to communicate directly
with all the ships on all the nearer seas."

"I consider Central Africa to be the sports-
man's paradise," said Mr. J. J. Reynard, to the
Cape-to-Cairo telegraph construction staff, to a
Cape Argus representative. Mr. Reynard, who
had come down to Cape Town for a short visit,
had been for ten years in the various British
portions of Central Africa south and north of
the Zambezi.

"Game is so plentiful," he went on to say,
"that in passing veld lands I have seen eland,
zebra, hartebeest, reedbuck, and rhino grazing
together, while hippo are plentiful in almost all
rivers. I have myself shot six of these in one hunt,
all the meat being saved for the camp by
the natives, who dry what they do not eat."

Lions are as common as jackals, and their
roaring at night round the hunter's camp is
constant; but they are not frequently seen, and
it is far safer to travel through the veld than
by river where lurk the dreaded crocodiles. I
have known forty natives taken in one year by
crocodiles. If the sportsman takes the train
in the dry season to Broken Hill, the present
terminus of the line, he will find all the sport
he requires."

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
HAIMUN, British str., 686, J. W. Evans, 14th Oct.—Fochow 11th Oct., Amoy 12th Oct., & Swatow 13th, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HAKATA MARU, Japanese str., 6,161, T. Murai, 14th Oct.—Singapore 8th Oct., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
HONGKONG, British str., 2,158, Home, 13th Oct.—Singapore 8th Oct., General—Chinese.
PERSPECTIVE, British str., 6,728, E. Warrall, 14th Oct.—Singapore 9th Oct., General—SAMSON, German str., 958, F. Schurz, 14th Oct.—Bangkok 2nd October, Rice, Salt and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
14th October.
Icha, British str., for Shanghai.
Myslade, British str., for Kuching.
Sarto, German str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.
14th October.
HAIKONG, British str., for Swatow.
INABA MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.
ISCHIA, Italian str., for Singapore.
JOHANNI, German str., for Hoilow.
KING GEORGE, British str., for New York.
KOWTIWON, German str., for Nagasaki.
KWEITUNG, British str., for Canton.
PEORIA, British str., for Yokohama.
SHIMOSA, British str., for Singapore.
SHIATZU MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

VEHICLES IN DOCK.
October 14th.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Covell, H.M.S.
BOWLOON DOCKS—Covell, H.M.S.
Whiting, U.S.S. Abrahan, Montane, Kiang Ta, Serra Blanca, Kiang Chi, Likin, Glenogle, Suiung.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—Appaloosa.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

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For SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and QUEENS-
LAND PORTS, and taking through cargo
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE".
Captain Holmes will be despatched as
above TO-DAY, the 15th October, at
NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.

Mr.—To assure the additional comfort of
passenger the Steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to
GIBRELL, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1908. 1436

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN".
Captain J. W. Evans, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at
11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1908. 1431

For SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING".
Captain A. E. Gentry, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 20th Oct.,
at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASTOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1908. 1424

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

THE ULDRIDGE & GENERAL AGENT
in CHINA AND JAPAN for the above
line are preparing to bring THROUGH
FLEET for all the principal ports in
SOUTH AFRICA in connection with
JAS. CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s
forwarding services here, CALCUTTA. Sailings from
CALCUTTA for CAPE TOWN every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars,
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L.D. WELLS & CO., LIMITED
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1898.

Butler, Palmer & Co.'s



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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k" nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "l.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & B.R.	B.R.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	B. & O. S. N. Co.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Knaipe	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Beginning of November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SILEIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hof	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrand	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 2nd Nov.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALI	TRANQUILIA	Dan. str.	—	Eckhara	MELCHERS & Co.	On 15th Nov.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CALEDONIAN	Fr. str.	—	Martin	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at D'Light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ZIETEN	Ger. str.	—	F. Preisch	MELCHERS & Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	Raids	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 24th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INDRANI	Brit. str.	—	Macfarlane	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PATHAN	Ger. str.	—	Mohr	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 31st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	WOGLINDE	Am. str.	2 m.	—	CABLOWITZ & CO.	About 8th Nov.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INVERCLYDE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 10th Nov.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPIRE OF INDIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wm. Thompson	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GLENFARG	Brit. str.	1 m.	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. T. Shotton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. T. Heims	GIBRELL, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 10th Nov.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUVEIRIC	Brit. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPIRE	Jap. str.	—	D. Lenz	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th Nov., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 21st Nov., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 27th Nov., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 29th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 19th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TMIRINI	Dut. str.	—	—	—	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AMIRAL OLEBY	Fren. str.	—	—	—	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Kozie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHIANG	Brit. str.	—	F. Mooney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ABAYE	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KIEST	Am. str.	—	T. Arakawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KIEST	Brit. str.	—	Berggrullian	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Eckhara	—	On 22nd inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Y. Fuseno	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Laeselin	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Bremer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	P. J. van Eemmerik	—	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Ijichi	—	On 22nd inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Y. Kuburaki	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Jameson	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 15th inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	P. A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 11 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	B. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Mathias	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	F. Sembl	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	R. Smith	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Hull	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Gentles	DAVID SASSON & CO., LTD.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YACHT	Brit. str.	—	Pand...	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUJN	Quick despatch.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatia and Siberia.

23rd October	at 8.00 a.m.
30th October	at 11.30 a.m.
5th November	at 8.30 p.m.

The *Asiatic*, with the English mail of the 18th September, left Singapore on Saturday the 10th instant, at 9.30 a.m. and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th August and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 9th September and for despatch overland on the 16th of September.

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DATE

Saigon	Thursday	15th, 8.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Thursday	15th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Thursday	15th, 1.15 P.M.
Choofoo and Newwa	Thursday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Chingkang	Thursday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Kep	Thursday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Thursday	15th, 4.00 P.M.
Saigon	Thursday	15th, 4.00 P.M.
Pakhoi	Thursday	15th, 5.00 P.M.
Kohk and Yokohama	Friday	16th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Takao and Amoy	Friday	16th, 10.00 A.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Friday	16th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Friday	16th, 11.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Sandakan
Manila
Europe, &c., India via Takuorin
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.)
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

The Parcel mail will be closed to-morrow, at 5 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Macao
Swatow and Shanghai
Swatow, Tsinlung, Weihaiwei, Choofoo and Tientsin

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Cebu and Iloilo
Batuwa, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar

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Manila, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO
Shanghai, Macao, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle
Singapore, Penang and Colombo
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Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand and Fremantle

Manila, Yap, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Sumpenhausen, Herberthshohe, Matapi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle

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All Mails for CANTON, WUHUA and HAMPSHIRE will be closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 1 p.m. until further notice.
A Mail for Macao is despatched per s.s. *Sui An* on week-days 7.15 a.m. on Sundays the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.
Mails for NAMAO, and GUANHUA, are closed every week-day at 6 p.m.
Mails for KONMOK, and KUMCHU, are closed every week-days at 6 p.m.
Sunday, the mails are closed at 9 a.m.
A Mail for Long Island (Chung Chou), will be despatched per steam launch *Ho Yuen* daily at 2.45 p.m.
Mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

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Hongkong, 8th October, 1908.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, October 14th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	Rs 200	Nominal.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$300, sellers London £30.
National B. of China	\$6	\$31, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125	\$8, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$64, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$64, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 40	Tls. 64.
Hongkong	\$10	\$10, sellers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 62.
Laon Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 50.
Soychay	Tls. 500	Tls. 240.
Dairy Farm	40	\$23, buyers
Docks and Wharves		
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$40, buyers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$33, sales
New Anoy Dock	\$64	\$31, sellers
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	Tls. 84, in Shai
Shai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 64, in Shai
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$10.
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$12	\$185, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$181, sales
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$77, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$235.
H.K. Milling Co., Ltd.	\$100	Nominal.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$26, sellers
Insurances—		
Canton	\$50	\$200.
China Fire	\$20	\$95, buyers
China Traders	\$25	\$86.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$33.
North China	\$25	\$55, buyers
Union	\$100	\$760.
Yangtze	\$60	\$100, buyers
Land and Building	\$100	\$84.
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$9, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$80	\$27, buyers
Shanghai Land	Tls. 50	Tls. 11.
West Point Building	\$50	\$40, sales & ad.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Frs. 250	\$580, buyers
Raubs	18/10	\$7, sellers
Peak Tramways	\$10	\$14.
Philippines Co.	\$10	\$38, sellers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$120, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$22, sellers
Robins & Piano Co.	\$50	\$19.
Steamship Companies		
China and Manilla	\$25	\$15, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$34, sellers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$29, sales & ad.
Indo-China S.N. Co.	25	\$28.
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	44.
Star Ferry	\$10	\$24.
Do, New	\$5	\$15, buyers
South China M. Post	\$25	\$24, buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$5.
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$9, sellers
Powell & Co., W.M.	\$7	\$5, sellers
Watkins	\$10	\$4, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$94, buyers
Weissmann, Ld.	\$100	\$150.
United Asbestos	\$4	\$12.
Do, Founders	\$10	\$30.
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Hongkong, October 14th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress* of Japan left Vancouver p.m. on Wednesday the 7th inst. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. *Asiatic* left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst. at 9.30 a.m. for the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day 7.30 a.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The *Astar* str. *Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore on 10th inst., afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.C.M. str. *Zet* left Kobe via Nagasaki, Shanghai and Fuchow on the 12th inst. p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Kleist* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 23rd ult. left Colombo on the 12th inst. p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.M. str. *Tango Maru* will sail from Yokohama on the 14th inst. and will be due in Hongkong on 23rd inst. This steamer carries the American Mail from San Francisco of the 25th ult.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 8th inst. and is expected here to-day.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

The A. L. str. *China* left Singapore for this port on the 9th October and is due here to-morrow.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The H.A. str. *Svegamb* left Singapore on the 10th inst. at noon, and may be expected here to-morrow.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The Swedish str. *Canton* left Singapore on the 10th inst. at noon, and may be expected here to-morrow.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The Chargeur str. *Amiral Oly* left Singapore on the 12th inst. and is expected to arrive here on or about the 18th inst.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tango Maru* (American Line) left Kobe on the 9th inst. and is expected here on the 18th inst.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The Danish str. *Tranquebar* left Kobe on the 12th inst. p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 19th inst.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The American & Oriental Line str. *Tudor Prince* from New York is expected to arrive here on or about the 22nd inst.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The str. *Svea* left Seattle for Hongkong via ports on the 26th ult.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. *Moyari Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Colombo and Singapore on the 9th inst. and is expected here on the 30th inst.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The str. *Saint Patrick* left New York on the 28th July for Hongkong via ports.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The F. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney is due Port Darwin on the 7th inst. for Manila and this port.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Moji on the 7th inst. for Hongkong.

THE SWEDISH MAIL.

The Ben Line str. *Benzon* from Middlesex Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 7th inst. for this port.

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